

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Claims 1-2 and 5-20 remain in this application. Claims 3-4 have been previously canceled. Claims 1, 9 and 15 have been amended to more clearly and particularly point out the invention.

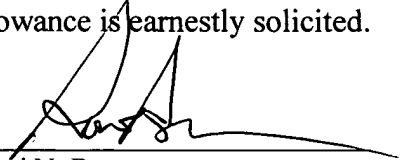
Claims 1-2 and 5-12 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Hollander (US 2005/0026798). However, Hollander teaches the use of a garbage disposal in which the cleaning composition must be rinsed from the disposal using water or some other liquid. In contrast, applicant's device requires no rinsing. The ground coarse materials are of a nature and composition that the requirement for liquid to purge the materials from the grinder is obviated.

Claims 9-13 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Gabby, et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,328,217). As in Hollander (above), Gabby does not teach purging materials from a grinder without the use of liquid.

Claims 15-20 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kramer (U.S. Patent No. 5,462,427). Kramer does not teach the pressing together of the materials such that the pressed together materials correspond to the size and shape of the most common type of product that the grinding machine is capable of grinding. Kramer also does not teach that the pressed object is capable of being purged through a grinding machine without the use of liquid.

In light of the above, Applicants believe that the claim rejections under 35 USC 103 have been obviated.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

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